REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 - 13 remain in the case.

Claims 3-8, and 11-12 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to conform to U.S. style. New Claim 13 has been added. Claim 13 was added to correct the multiple dependency in Original Claim 12. No Claims have been amended to overcome prior art. No new subject matter has been added. Thus, the full doctrine of equivalents applies to all claim elements.

Entry of this Preliminary amendment and a favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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